

VETERINARY TECHNICIANS WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT ACT

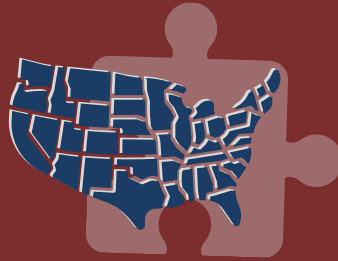
The missing puzzle pieces...

**Minnesota does not currently
regulate veterinary technicians**

U.S. INDUSTRY STANDARDS

Licensure...

- Strengthens the veterinary technician profession in 42 other states
- Aligns Minnesota with National model practice acts
- Brings Minnesota up to date with U.S. industry standards



BETTER DEFINED HEALTHCARE TEAM

Licensure leads to...

- Improved veterinary practice efficiency through greater utilization of veterinary technician skills
- Recognition of the education and the skills that veterinary technicians possess
- These changes can lead to improved working conditions and retention.

BENEFITS TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Licensure provides...

- Assurances to the public of qualified and competent veterinary care
- Improved state accountability and oversight, with a mechanism to investigate misconduct
- Reported drug diversion and access to Health Professionals Services Program (HPSP)
- Standards for minimum competency and continuing education
- Opportunity for participation with national disaster deployment

IT IS NOT MANDATORY!

- Individuals are not required to become licensed
- The Veterinary Practice Act will define licensed veterinary technicians and veterinary assistants, leading to improved retention
- The Board of Veterinary Medicine will regulate licensed veterinary technicians



GRANDFATHER CLAUSE

- Certified veterinary technicians immediately eligible for licensure
- Non-certified veterinary technicians may apply if criteria for application is met
- Proposed a 5-year sunset clause to increase number of eligible LVT's to address the current shortage

LICENSURE IS HIGHLY FAVORABLE

- Endorsed by Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)
- Endorsed by Minnesota Association of Veterinary Technicians (MAVT)
- Recent survey confirms over 70% of the veterinary profession approve of licensure
- Please vote YES to approve these bills (HF 1228) and (SF 1522)

Learn more at: mvma.org/veterinary-technician-licensure



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